However, additional details called for by Integrated Finance had to be collected. At present only 58 number of Junior Hindi Translators are available in the subordinate. officers of CPWD. Promotional Avenues for these Junior Hindi Translators would be available only after posts in higher categories are created. The question of cadre formation will also arise after sufficient number of posts are created. As the issue of creation of posts has been under consideration of Government, the question of fixation of responsibility for delay does not arise.

Ban on use of timber in construction of buildings

336. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of UR BAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ban ned or propose to ban the use of timber in construction of buildings by C.P.W.D, if so, the quantity of timber likely to be saved as a result thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to ask the State P.W. Department and private builder also to do the same;

(c) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Guidelines already exist for use of alternative substitute materials for conserving wood with a view to completely eliminate use of wood or reduce use of wood to the maximum extent in construction projects, it is proposed to consider substitute items of acceptable standard and durability available for different purposes, and thereafter issue orders for use of such substitute items from 1st April 1993. Since the quantity of wood likely to be saved cannot be assessed accurately at this stage, it is premature to indicate the likely savings of wood by use of substitute items.

(b) to (d) It is also proposed to bring this matter to the notice of all the State Governments for adoption by their construction Deparments. The State Governments can consider incorporation of suitable provision in the Building Bye-Laws of the local for substitution of wood by alterna tive material.

Non availability of Application Forms for Conversion of Leasehold Land into Freehold

337. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state-

(a) whether brouchures containing application forms for conversion of lease hold land into freehold are not easily available;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to make them easily available;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed to dispose of applications by the DDA; ....

(d) if so, the time limit fixed in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir. The brouchures are easily available through all the designated branches of the banks. No complaint about non-availability of brouchures have been received.

(b) Does not arise in view of part (a) above.

(c) to (e) The applications for conversion are to be disposed of by lease